

February 12, 2016

Ms. Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader
Office of Federal & State Accountability
South Carolina Department of Education
1429 Senate Street, Suite 501A Columbia, SC 29201

Re: Regulation 43-205 Waiver Request

Dear Ms. Prevatt:

The School District of ABC School District hereby requests the State Board of Education to waive compliance from Regulation 43-205(IV)(B)(3)(b) and 43-205(IV)(B)(3)(c) for the teachers in the secondary schools in our district.

The teachers in these schools currently teach more than 1,500 minutes per week because they instruct for four or our five daily periods and are assigned classes requiring more than four (4) preparations per day and consequently have caused accreditation deficiencies for the secondary schools.

Regulation 43-261(C) states, "Upon request of a district board of trustees or its designee, the State Board of Education may waive any regulation that would impede the implementation of an approved district strategic plan or school renewal plan." Any attempt to reorganize our entire school system structure to be in compliance with the teacher preparation limits would be a disruption to the existing district strategic and school renewal plans already implemented under Regulation 43-261. The waiver request is in place in the District Strategic Plan and each secondary school's School Renewal Plan. We, therefore, ask that the waiver apply to the remaining term of our district's strategic and school renewal plans.

Thank you in advance for your consideration to this waiver request.

Sincerely,